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NORTON MOTORCYCLE CLUB of SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
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But don't stop there, this newsletter is about
The Norton Motorcycle Club of SA,
THAT'S YOU.

If you're complaining that there's only commandos in these issues and your international needs more lime light then send over some pictures. Just make sure you submit it with a story.

Cover photo:
Macclesfield Show and Shine 2020





Presidents Blurb

Donald Hosier

Dear Members,

Yowza! So how's 2020 been for everyone? If we stay focused on South Australia, and this is the newsletter for the Norton Motorcycle Club of South Australia after all, we've fared pretty darn well. While many major events were cancelled, we still managed to fit in the multi-club Motorcycle Ride Week in October, and the Macclesfield show was a big success last month. Though it may seem like years ago, let's not forget we had the All British Day back in February, before the whole world got turned upside down. Unfortunately, the 2021 ABD has been cancelled, but hey, we could use the break, I reckon.

The year has been a bit up and down in my shed as well. No sooner had I saved the threads on the end of the mainshaft and re-fitted the clutch, then the head started spewing oil of a rocker spindle cover. Jerome and I had Rocky on speakerphone in the shed, when he told us there should be copper washers on the end plate bolts. Not according to my 1971 parts book, but they're in the '72 book. I guess the small amount of thread seal I've always used has done the trick until now. That got me sorted to lead the Motorcycle Ride Week run through the Hills, which was great (read my report in this issue), but later on my bike started to think it was in a James Bond film and left the other riders in a smoke screen. OFF WITH IT'S HEAD! Another session in the shed with Jerome, a few ciders, and we had it all apart

The head gasket is slightly blown, but there's also some rust in the bores from when it was laid up, the gasket surface



on the barrels could do with machining, and the followers are a bit worn. A bit of work for the engineering firm, not for me. Ah well, 'tis the life we chose.

Just a reminder, the Historic Road Racing Register of SA will be holding their state championships at Mac Park on January 2nd & 3rd. As in previous years, our Club is sponsoring a trophy for the event. A few of us are heading down there and I think we should be expecting some good racing this year, with everybody wanting to blow out the cobwebs. There's one spare bunk left in the cabin I've booked in Mt Gambier on Saturday and Sunday night, the accommodation is basic but it's strategically placed within stumbling distance of all the good pubs. It would be great to see a bunch of Norton folks there.

Alright people, that's me signing off for 2020, looking forward to a new year and more Norton adventures.

Your Prez, Donald

Macclesfield Show



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Although the number of people was limited to 1000, this years Macclesfield show did not disappoint with the number of bikes on display.

In addition to the swap meet, live music, food and drink there were some impressive custom bikes, including a novel approach to halving number of roadside breakdowns by putting two engines in the frame.



Great to have a Show in these Covid times

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Norton Festivities

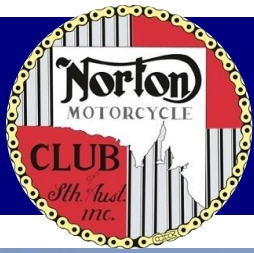
This year Lindi excelled by organizing the Christmas event at the Birkenhead Tavern

A fine turnout of bikes, good company and plenty of food.

Well done and thanks for organizing another great event.



"Absolute top job by Lyndii!"



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Norton Rides



Thought I'd recap how the Norton Motorcycle Club led run went yesterday for Motorcycle Ride Week.

Our VP Steve, who has done all the hard work over the last 18(?) months in regards to this week-long event, was there to display our Club banner at each of the stops and help get things organised in the morning.

We had approximately 60 bikes show up, which, as ride captain, didn't help my nerves much.

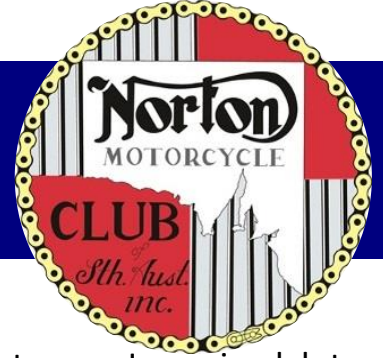


We clearly didn't have enough official corner marshalls so we adjusted our technique to have the rider behind the lead stop at the corner and then proceed once the 'Tail End Charlie' arrives. This (almost) worked well until somebody decided to take a shortcut and get ahead of me, then make an assumption of which direction we'd be heading, and after I passed him he sent everybody up to Williamstown instead of stopping at the Birdwood Museum. All I can say is I'm glad it wasn't a Norton member, and it's good to know we're not the only club that gets lost (though losing 30+ riders is bloody impressive).

There was an excellent showing of our own members, thank you all very much for your support!



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I'm fairly chuffed to say I received lots of compliments on the route. Not bad for a Canadian navigating the Adelaide Hills, eh.



All in all, it went a helluva lot better than I expected (though my bike didn't. Argh!). As a ride, it was slow going to ensure all riders and machines could keep up, but as a social event and general bike spotting, it was great fun. There were plenty of non-club affiliated people there who may find interest in checking us out someday. A couple youngish guys with modern bikes were asking questions and particularly impressed with the Commandos.

President Don

We stopped at Lobethal Bakery for morning tea/lunch. After Lobethal we made our way to Birdwood via Gumeracha. We were given a quick introduction and history of the museum by one of the curators and then then allowed to roam around .



Many riders made their own way home after Birdwood, as it didn't make much sense to them to go back to the start at Hazelwood Park. The rest of us made our way to Gorge Rd, then up Corkscrew, and along Montacute Rd until eventually arriving back at the beginning. There was a great variety of machines, including a 1926 Norton Model 18 who kept up with us for the entire run, a Vincent Comet, an Ariel Square Four, and many other vintage and modern bikes.





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Marketplace

Got a bike you want to sell? It doesn't have to be a Norton, anyone who is part of the club can post any type of bike.

Wanted - JOE SEIFERT C652 After any magazine articles and pictures Dave Meldrum 0423 191 620

Wanted - to borrow to see if I like the fit. A set of 'Dunstall' style rearsets that mount to the original 'Z' plates.

Also searching for an alloy 'scrambler' type tank, eg AJS Stormer, BSA B50MX, etc.
Donald Hosier 0433 318 503





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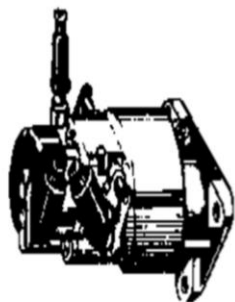
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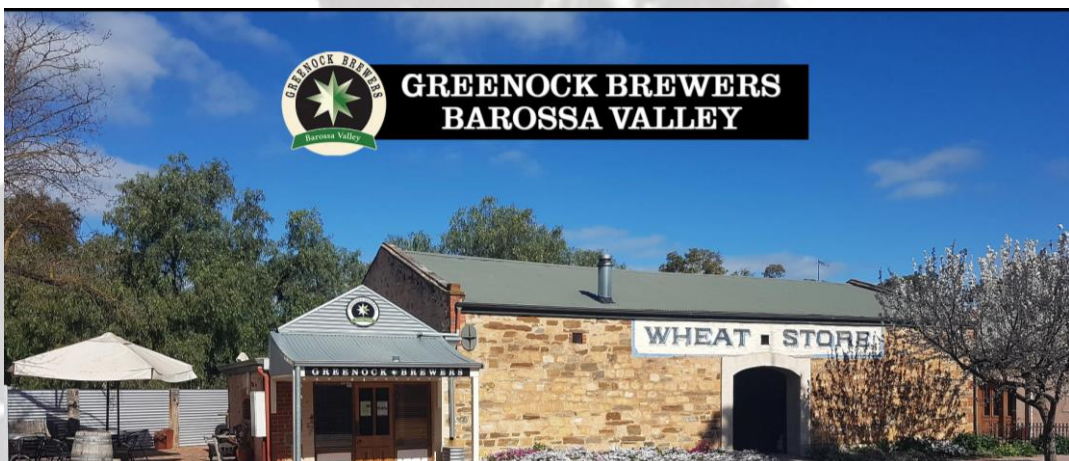
Norton Ride Calendar 2020

Date	Ride	Start Point
20th December	TBA	TBA
17th January 2021	TBA	TBA
21 ST February 2021	TBA	TBA

AS ALWAYS 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - UNLESS WE DECIDE OTHERWISE ! OR COVID FORCES A DECISION ON US !
For 'Catch Up' points & further details, check at Club meetings, the NMCSA.org website, or with the Ride Captain

Events

Date to be advised: Many years ago the club visited the Greenock Brewers, which incidentally had a Norton Café Racer style bike in the entrance. The place does food, so we will have to make this a destination to see if the bike is still there... no riding ahead to spoil the surprise.



All rides start at 10am unless otherwise noted.

Calendar is prepared in advance & is subject to change.

For further information, ring the Club Captain @ **0423 191 620** or check our website **NMCSA.ORG**

